

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10794

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4  
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR  
SUBJECT: FORMER EMBOFF BELOUSOVITCH ACCUSED OF PASSING  
ANTI-SOVIET MATERIALS TO GAMSAKHURDIA

REF: (A) 76 MOSCOW 10785(NOTAL), (B) 76 MOSCOW 10418

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED MAY 15 ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
TASS ACCOUNT (PICKED UP BY AP) OF GAMSAKHURDIA/KOSTAVA  
TRIALS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IN TBILISI IN WHICH GAMSAK-  
HURDIA "MENTIONED PERSONS FROM WHOM HE RECEIVED MATERIALS  
OF A SUBVERSIVE CHARACTER, INCLUDING FROM IGOR BELOUSO-  
VITCH, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW."

2. COMMENT: THIS TASS REFERENCE TO BELOUSOVITCH DATES  
TO JUNE 26, 1976 INCIDENT IN MOSCOW IN WHICH BOOKS GIVEN  
GAMSAKHURDIA BY BELOUSOVITCH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFISCATED  
BY AUTHORITIES (REF B). INCIDENT WAS FOLLOWED BY PROTEST  
NOTE DELIVERED JULY 8, 1976 CHARGING BELOUSOVITCH WITH  
HANDING OVER "ANTI-SOVIET" MATERIALS TO SOVIET CITIZEN  
(REF A). MATERIAL GIVEN GAMSAKHURDIA ALLEGEDLY INCLUDED  
WORKS BY SOLZHENITSYN AND BOOKS PUBLISHED BY EMIGRE  
PUBLISHING HOUSE "POSEV". END COMMENT.

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3. WE ARE USING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR PRESS  
GUIDANCE: BEGIN QUOTE: WE HAVE, OF COURSE, NOTED THE  
REFERENCE TO IGOR BELOUSOVITCH CONTAINED IN THE TASS  
REPORT ON THE GAMSAKHURDIA/KOSTAVA TRIAL IN TBILISI. WE  
ARE CONFIDENT THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING MR.  
BELOUSOVITCH'S BEHAVIOR ARE TOTALY WITHOUT FOUNDATION

AND THAT ANY MATERIALS PROVIDED BY MR. BELOUSOVITCH OR ANY  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY'S STAFF COULD NOT POSSIBLY  
BE CONSTRUED AS "SUBVERSIVE" BY ANY OBJECTIVE OBSERVER.  
MR. BELOUSOVITCH'S ACTIONS AND HIS CONTACTS WITH MR.  
GAMSAKHURDIA WERE ENTIRELY CONSISTEN WITH ACCEPTED  
NORMS OF DIPLOMATIC CONDUCT. END QUOTE. TOON

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